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Date C. 1905

Building Name: Berlin Furniture  
Public/Private Access

Description:

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A wooden bracketed modillion cornice is set at the point marking the division between the first and second floors. Ghost marks above the cornice suggest that at one time a canopy or awning existed over the street entrance to the building. A corbelled cornice, supporting a parapet of headers set in a saw tooth pattern, conceals the backward declining roof of the building. Ventilators are set in the wall above each pair of windows.

A block garage has been attached to the rear of the building and ventilating spaces have been opened in the south wall of the building. Presently the building is in a good state of repair.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Berlin Furniture

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Pitts St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Berlin

— VICINITY OF

First

COUNTY

MD

Worcester

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Decatur Investments

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

9 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD 21811

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Courthouse

Liber #: FWH 207

Folio #: 198

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD                               |   | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899   | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|                                      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, by its scale and design integrity, contributes to the essential character of the commercial district. Similar in proportion and decoration to the core buildings, it extends the visual continuity of the principal streetscape onto a secondary street. Its design and decoration exemplify the turn-of-the-century commercial style in Berlin.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Site 142 on survey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth T. Pribanic, Consultant

August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Mayor and Council

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Williams Street

TELEPHONE

301-641-2770

CITY OR TOWN

Berlin

STATE

MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

- 6-25-62 FWH 158/693 conveyed by Elizabeth E. Peters to Donaway Furniture
- 9-17-41 JEB 10/51 conveyed to Norman M. and Elizabeth E. Peters by Frank D. and Ruth C. Cathell  
passed to Norman M. Peters as executor of LW & T of Mary L. Peters
- 2-17-13 ODC 13/351 conveyed by Henreitta and Roger B. Adams to Reece C. and Mary L. Peters  
conveyed to Henrietta Adams by 2 deeds:
- 2-4-02 FHP 16/497 to Henrietta Adams from Edward S. and Charlotte E. Furbush
- 9-26-01 FHP 15/565 to Henrietta Adams from Alfred and Jennie M. Child
- Lot comprised of 2 parcels:
- 1-24-99 FHP 11/512 to Edw. Furbush from Calvin B. Taylor
- 1-23-99 FHP 11/511 to Edw. Furbush from Emory E. Bell



BERLIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WO # 142

Building Berlin Furniture

Address N. Pitts St.

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Berlin Furniture Store  
11 Pitts Street, Berlin  
Worcester County Tax Map 300, P. 1462





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Berlin quadrangle 1967, Photorevised 1981



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010

